

## The Brethren Evangelist, THE BRETHREN CHURCH PAPER, Ashland, Ohio.

### The Church and Field.

Whipkey & Lichty is now the name of the firm of land agents at Carleton, Nebraska.

Bro. Archie Vandyke from Beatrice, Nebraska, is visiting his old home in Mifflin county, Pa.

We publish a pointed communication from Huntingdon, Pa., in another column. Don't fail to read it.

Bro. J. G. Snider, of Morris-on's Cove, has been seriously sick with pneumonia but is convalescing.

In a few weeks more preparations for Sabbath schools will be in order, where they are not kept up all the year.

Bro. P. J. Brown seems to have a good scent in finding Brethren churches. We will have him to go out again.

Elder D. Yount, (G. B.,) of Virginia, was killed on the morning of Jan 20th, by an express train on the Shenandoah Valley R. R.

Bro. Spanogle says that they have nearly \$1,000 raised for the new church at Martinsburg, and feels encouraged that the desired amount will be raised.

Bro. Henry Garber of West Liberty, O., started to move to Rice county, Kansas, on the 18th inst., and asks the EVANGELIST to visit him in his new home.

The Gospel Messenger advertises diagrams of parliamentary rules, and recommends them to those who preside at Annual Meeting. That means Enoch Eby.

Elder J. C. Johnson of Mason-town, Pa., is the man that has been selected to hold a series of meetings in the Huntingdon Normal Chapel. Johnson is a representative German Baptist.

Bro. A. L. Garber, of the EVANGELIST, went to his home in Bellville, O., last Friday morning. He continued his journey to Perry county Saturday morning where he preached for the Brethren over Sunday, and returned to the sanctum Monday night.

The Gospel Messenger takes pleasure in locating Mexico at 156 miles west of Philadelphia, 50 miles east of Harrisburg, 198 miles east of Pittsburg, and 47 miles east of Huntingdon. We guess Annual Meeting can find the place.

Bro. W. S. Spanogle wants to know how a church can do general church work without a general convention. We will allow those who oppose general conventions to answer this question. All we have to say is that we know it is possible to hold big general conventions and not do much general church work.

Elder D. C. Ullery, through his entiring zeal, has succeeded in securing the use of the 2nd Methodist church of South Bend, Ind., for the use of the Brethren in which to hold a protracted meeting, to commence on Thursday evening, Feb. 26. The meeting is to be conducted by Elder John W. Fitzgerald. The Brethren cause south of the city is progressing finely. Brother Fitzgerald preaches every alternate Sabbath and they have Sabbath school every Sabbath; both are well attended.

We clip the following sad intelligence from the Somerset Herald: "A telegram received from Philadelphia Friday afternoon by Mr. George C. Lichty, announced the death of ex-Representative, E. J. Meyers, formerly of this county, which sad event took place at 11 o'clock that morning. The body was buried in the Philadelphia cemetery at 2 p. m., Monday."

Elder Holsinger's health has not been good for some time and this in connection with the severe weather has kept him within the comfortable confines of the "Hall." He, however, ventured down to North Liberty last Saturday, to preach for the brethren at that place, in the absence of their pastor, brother Mallott, who is at Milford, Indiana, holding a revival meeting.

A brother from Ankenytown reports to us that I. J. Rosenberger's protracted effort at that place resulted in the ingathering of one member to the church. In laying "the order" before this applicant the Elder did not omit that portion of their discipline which prohibits members from going to law, although the congregation had two lawsuits pending in the name of the church at the same time. We may not be correct in our judgment but it strikes us that the German Baptists at Ankenytown should either amend their discipline or change their practice.

HOMER, OHIO, Feb. 18, 1885.—The meetings at this place closed this evening. Bro. Henry Jacobs preached almost four weeks, every evening. The house was filled with anxious hearers every night, and one Sunday evening many of the congregation could not be seated. As brethren and sisters we had a very enjoyable time. It was a protracted reunion of friends who loved the Lord and one another, and the church house was indeed a pleasant home to us while those meetings lasted. Those who were added during these meetings, are men and women who have the intelligence and social standing to persevere in the good work and help to establish the cause on a permanent basis at this place. They are, moreover, grounded in the faith of Christ and his blessed gospel, the true foundation on which to build. Brother Jacobs has labored hard and has done a good work for the Lord and us at this place, and we will do well to remember him in prayer and stand by him in the future to continue the work so nobly and well begun.

THEODORA HAWK.

MIDDLEFORK, IND., FEB. 10th, 1885.—Our regular appointment at Sugar-grove (in Burlington church,) was the 8th inst. We held services on Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night, and Monday night. Had good attendance except Monday night. It snowed nearly all day Monday, and in the evening blew a regular blizzard from the Northwest, so there were but few in attendance. We did not have Bro. Seawright with us as we had hoped. Suppose he was not well. The first Sunday in Mar. will be our time at Flora, Carroll county, Indiana. We aim to keep battling on in the cause as best we can. There were some members of the G. B. church in attendance at the

Grove. Hope they will come again as they meet us as Brethren. B. L. GORDON.

LANARK ILLS, Feb. 17, 1885.—Last Friday evening I began the delivery of a few special discourses in the Christian church in this city, and to-night closed with a very deep religious interest. One came forward for membership when the invitation was given, and two more made application after church. Could I have remained it is generally conceded a glorious revival would have resulted. We had a large church, good singing, and large audiences.

S. H. BASHOR.

ALEPPO, PA., FEB. 11, 1885.—The Brethren's Annual seems to be totally oblivious to the fact that a Brethren Church exists in the southern portion of Greene County, but such is the fact, and it numbers seventy strong, in membership, with brethren James A. Murray and Henry Wise as ministers. The former is a brother to Eld. Wm A. Murray of Ashland County, Ohio, and the latter is a nephew of Eld. John Wise of Berlin Committee Notoriety. We are, however pleased that we can say the nephew is in nearly every respect unlike the uncle. He is tall, has black hair, beard and mustache; is of a prepossessing appearance in general, a fluent speaker, a cultured and earnest worker, endeavoring to unite and save, and not to scatter and destroy. Bro. Murray is a man of more advanced age, who can look back over his work with joy, knowing that the flock was never distracted and scattered by any attempt to lord it over them, on his part; his children are settled around him and are all earnest and influential workers in the church. I am now here assisting these noble brethren in a protracted effort. The weather thus far has been against us, but for all that, our congregations are large and attentive, and we hope for good results.

In Washington County, the cause is looking up. Bro. Wise of Greene county, attended a council there recently, and from him we learn the following facts. The brethren were locked out of the meeting house. The one at Pigeon Creek, especially, was of no practical use to the conservatives, and while there had never yet been any official division made, the brethren asked in a respectful manner for the use of the house. Eld. Johnson the functionary in charge, very graciously agreed to convene a council of the church and allow all to meet and vote on the question, and agreed that those who could not be present might send their vote and have it cast by proxy. And he even agreed that the brethren might get any man they pleased, to help them manage their side of the question; so every thing seemed to be thoroughly understood, and the day came, and with it the council, with Johnson as Chief Counsel for the negative, and Henry Wise for the affirmative, and thus the battle opened. Johnson, upon seeing that his side would be largely in the minority, refused to allow any votes cast by proxy. Bro. Wise yielded. Johnson next refused to allow the Brethren to vote, whereupon one of his own Deacons, who had some regard for fairness and honesty, wanted to know what was the

matter with him. Johnson said there was nothing the matter with him; the Deacon, however, insisted that there was, because he had gone back on his promise in two instances, and they felt that he could not be trusted in any thing. Johnson then said that they brought Mr. Wise from Greene county, to defend them, and he was not prepared to meet him; but the Deacon aimed that Johnson had four weeks time in which to prepare, and that brother Wise had no chance to know what course things would take. Hence Johnson had the advantage on the score of preparation. The result of this wrangle was, that the Johnson party became badly divided, and after he and Wise discussed the general issues involved, which, of course, was the "Power of the Minutes," brother Wise offered to let the German Baptists vote alone on the question of allowing the use of the house, and the brethren would abide the result; but Johnson refused to put the question even in that shape. Finally Wise offered to leave it entirely to himself, and they would abide his own decision, but the fellow had not the stamina to do that, and after much talk and filibustering they adjourned without coming to any conclusion. After the adjournment the aforesaid Deacon got after Johnson after this manner: "You had better go back to Uniontown and stay there, we need no man here that will drive more members out of the Church than he brings into it; You drove away more to-day than you brought in all the time you have preached here. You virtually called my father a liar to-day, when I knew he told the truth; and I will have you understand that I will not allow that, etc. The result of it all was, that brother Wise remained a few days and preached the gospel. Fifteen members gave in their names, the most of whom had previously stood identified with the German Baptists. Bro. Wise agreed to preach for them every month, and steps were taken to build a meeting house where the wicked will cease to trouble and where the brethren can worship in peace. Sic transit gloria, Ten Mile German Baptist Church. P. J. BROWN.

### Notes and Jottings.

It has been sometime since I have appeared under the above caption and the readers of the EVANGELIST are beginning to send me postal cards asking, what is wrong. I answer nothing, save negligence. I love you and have just as much interest in the success of the EVANGELIST and its worthy editors, whom I know personally, as when I penned my notes in A. D., 1884. Yea, this interest grows as my experience enlarges. The EVANGELIST carries its tidings to hundreds of hearts, encouraging those who are cast down "to look to Jesus." Many say to me, "It rings out the convictions of my heart; what food its writings are to my soul!" When I thus see that it reaches in its visits the hearts of the oppressed and silently whispers peace to the hearts of the weary, I feel to write for its columns, and promise more for the future.

In my account of the Roseville dedication I omitted to say that

the church cost, including lot, about \$1800. I enjoyed working here, as the people are kind sociable and intelligent. Our gatherings were principally from the young, intelligent people of good parentage. I have an abiding interest in their welfare. Many more will unite with the church here ere long. Brother Isaac Ross is at the helm and feels much encouraged. I enjoyed his home and company whilst there. Hope to return soon, as per promise and chronicle good news from this quarter. At present I am in Milford, Ind., and have tried to hold forth the word of life a few evenings, but the extreme cold weather, and excessive snow storms, have interfered somewhat, but the interest seems to be looming up, and from present indications we expect to do a good work here during the coming week. The mercury stood since I came 36° below zero. Northern Indiana has been neglected by our people and if it were not for the untiring zeal of brother John Dubbs I suppose Milford would not have the Brethren's banner waving. But the work has begun and it will not be confined to Milford. I would not be surprised to see, it spared, in one year from now a new church erected on Main street in the town of Milford, state of Indiana, with members from the beautiful country surrounding town, as far out as that "famous school-house No. 7." I will let you hear from us when through here. It did me much good to see Bro. Jacob's "wake up" as reported in last number of the EVANGELIST. If we only had more who would follow his example a great work could be done. Brethren buckle on your armors and march onward to the front and victory will be yours. Redeem the time. Fraternally,

R. F. MALLOTT.

"The Altar on the Prairie" and "Waiting to be born again," in No. 6, are alone worth the price of the EVANGELIST for one year. The happiness that I enjoyed while reading the latter, was worth more to me than the paper costs for ten years.

I. L.

### DIED.

RUTHA JORDEN.—A sad gloom was thrown over the community, on the 10th inst., near Mt. Olive church, Rockingham county Va., at the sad intelligence of the sudden death of our dear sister, Rutha Jordan, wife of our esteemed brother and neighbor, Edward Jordan; aged 62 years, 10 months and 18 days. She was a member of the German Baptist church for a number of years. As a wife she was kind and devoted; as a mother she was ever forgiving, tender and affectionate; as a neighbor to know her was to love her. Although a member of the German Baptist church she manifested that Christian love to the Brethren that characterizes a true Christian. No church will mourn the loss of sister Jordan more than the members of Mt. Olive. In the future her seat at Mt. Olive and Mill Creek churches will be vacant. While her seat is vacant here on earth, we have a glorious hope that she has gone to her place in Heaven. She has fought a good fight, she has finished her course, she has kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for her a crown of righteousness.

May God give her devoted husband grace to sustain him in his sore affliction and keep him faithful to the end. May the children of the dear mother take this sad bereavement as one of God's all-wise means of bringing them to the cross of Christ.

A BRETHREN SISTER.

In the dark cloud of a great sorrow the beautiful bow of God's promise is often seen if we look up.